COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS INCLUDING AMENDMENTS

1.   (Cancelled)

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Cancelled)

5.   (Currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 4 7, wherein said step b) 6 vi includes the step of extracting said caricature models of said eyes, nose and mouth from an eye database, nose database and mouth database, respectively.

6.   (Currently amended) The method as set forth in claim 4 7, wherein said step b) further includes the step of:

vii b-7) synthesizing said determined face shape with the extracted caricature models of said eyes, nose and mouth, extracting a head shape and trunk appropriate to the synthesized result and coupling the extracted results with the synthesized result.

7.   (New) A method for creating a caricature, comprising the steps of:

a) inputting source data comprising a figure photograph or an image picked up by a camera for the caricature creation;

b)   analyzing respective parts of the inputted source data and extracting a caricature model on the basis of each of the analyzed results of the parts by:

i)   calculating the shape of a face in said figure photograph or image;

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ii)   calculating bright and dark portions of said face and determining a face shape to be employed in said caricature on the basis of the calculated results;

iii)   calculating the positions of the eyes, nose and mouth of the face in said figure photograph or image;

iv)   calculating a face to eye ratio, a face to nose ratio and a face to mouth ratio;

v)   calculating the types of said eyes, nose and mouth; and

vi)   extracting caricature models of said eyes, nose and mouth on the basis of the calculated results;

c)   synthesizing the results analyzed and extracted at said step b); and

d)   synthesizing a background image with the result synthesized at said step c).

8.   (New) A method for creating a caricature, comprising the steps of:

a) inputting source data for the caricature creation;

b) analyzing respective parts of the inputted source data and extracting a caricature model on the basis of each of the analyzed results of the parts by:

i)   calculating the shape of a face in said source data;

ii)   calculating bright and dark portions of said face and determining a face shape to be employed in said caricature on the basis of the calculated results;

iii)   calculating the positions of the eyes, nose and mouth of the face in

said source data;

iv) calculating a face to eye ratio, a face to nose ratio and a face to mouth ratio;

v) calculating the types of said eyes, nose and mouth; and

vi) extracting caricature models of said eyes, nose and mouth on the basis of the calculated results;

c) synthesizing the results analyzed and extracted at said step b); and

d) synthesizing a background image with the result synthesized at said step c).